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COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF MARCH 1, 1940

Cold storage stocks of butter and American cheese on March 1 were at the lowest point in several years, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. Butter stocks were 74½ million pounds below those of a year earlier and the smallest since 1936. American cheese holdings were nearly 11 million pounds below those on March 1, 1939 -- the smallest March 1 stocks since 1935.

Stocks of shell eggs had about reached the vanishing point and the total case equivalent of both shell eggs and frozen egg meats were 284,000 cases less than those on hand a year earlier and 459,000 cases less than average for March 1.

The apparent net out-of-storage movement of apples for February seems to have been about normal. The reduction in stocks during the month is indicated at 5,909,000 bushels, which compares with 5,571,000 for February a year earlier and 6,193,000 bushels for the average. The net out-of-storage movement of all frozen fruits totaled slightly above 13 million pounds, or slightly less than the out-movement for the same period a year earlier.

Stocks of all frozen vegetables were reduced by about 6 million pounds.

Net withdrawals of total stocks of all poultry were above average for the month. The total reduction was 22 million pounds compared with 17 million for February 1939 and the 5-year average of 17 million pounds. All varieties showed some reduction.

Frozen and cured meat stocks continued to accumulate. The increase during February totaled 58 million pounds. During the same period of 1939 the net increase was considerably less than one million pounds and comparison with the 5-year average shows a decrease of nearly 2 million.

Lard stocks also showed very definite increase, totaling 56 million pounds. March 1 holdings, which were 258 million pounds, exceeded those of any period on record. They were more than double those of March 1 a year ago and the 5-year average.

The occupancy of space available in public cold storage warehouses was reduced to 43 percent March 1. On February 1, 1940, according to reports of warehouses to the Agricultural Marketing Service, 48 percent of the available space was occupied, and on January 1 52 percent. On March 1 cooler space occupied was 35 percent and freezer space 62 percent.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

FRESH FRUITS

Cold storage holdings of apples on hand March 1, 1940, totaled the equivalent of 14,397,000 bushels, a reduction from February 1 of 5,909,000 bushels. March 1 stocks were 1,005,000 bushels less than those on hand March 1, 1939, and 1,371,000 less than the 5-year (1935-39) average.

FROZEN FRUITS

Total stocks of all frozen fruits were 103,975,000 pounds compared with 103,113,000 on hand a year earlier and 77,712,000 pounds for the 5-year average. Of the total reported, 21,870,000 pounds were unclassified.

FROZEN VEGETABLES

Frozen vegetable stocks, totaling 61,338,000 pounds, exceeded those of a year earlier by 5,556,000 pounds. The net reduction in stocks during February was 6,242,000 pounds compared with 6,066,000 pounds for the same period of 1939. Of the total reported, 3,383,000 pounds were unclassified.

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

(See table on page 8 for March 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Mar. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Mar. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1940	Mar. 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
FRUITS, FRESH				
Apples.....barrels.....	239	81	157	128
Apples.....Western boxes.	7,990	7,959	8,214	6,278
Apples.....Eastern boxes.	1/	1/	5,711	3,726
Apples.....bushel baskets	7,061	7,200	5,910	4,009
TOTAL APPLES.....bushels.....	15,768	15,402	20,306	14,397
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes..	-	5	26	17
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes...	-	2	1	-
Pears, all other varieties.bboxes.....	355	495	670	412
Pears.....bushel baskets	19	44	4	1
FRUITS, FROZEN ^{2/}				
Blackberries.....pounds.....	Data	1,999	4,907	3,860
Blueberries.....".....	for	4,831	4,542	4,426
Cherries.....".....	these	15,622	21,004	18,037
Logan and similar berries.. ".....	earlier	2,756	1,982	1,780
Raspberries.....".....	years	6,745	7,464	6,640
Strawberries.....".....	not	29,385	34,218	30,545
Other fruits.....".....	compara-	19,107	18,317	16,767
Classification not reported ".....	ble	22,668	24,906	21,870
TOTAL.....".....	77,712	103,113	117,340	103,975
VEGETABLES, FROZEN				
Asparagus.....pounds.....		2,824	7,271	7,132
Beans, lima.....".....	His-	11,554	13,650	12,496
Beans, snap.....".....	torical	5,080	6,303	5,226
Broccoli, green.....".....	data	1,181	1,721	1,678
Corn, sweet.....".....	not	5,845	6,667	6,149
Peas, green.....".....	avail-	18,845	19,839	17,716
Spinach.....".....	ble	2,848	5,440	4,709
Other vegetables.....".....		2,586	3,545	2,849
Classification not reported ".....		5,019	3,144	3,383
TOTAL.....".....		55,782	67,580	61,338

^{1/} Previously included with "bushel baskets".^{2/} See also table on page 7 showing reported segregation by small and large containers.

Creamery butter stocks showed a net reduction during February of 10,911,000 pounds, which compares with a reduction during February a year earlier of 18,574,000 and the 5-year (1935-39) average of 14,952,000 pounds. Dairy Products Marketing Association stocks of butter were reduced by 1,439,000 pounds, Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and relief holdings by 1,192,000, and commercial stocks by 8,280,000 pounds.

Total stocks of butter on March 1 of 18,278,000 pounds were 74,502,000 pounds below those of a year earlier and 11,912,000 pounds below average.

Total holdings of all varieties of cheese of 82,684,000 pounds, were 8,801,000 pounds less than those on hand on March 1, 1939, and 1,309,000 pounds less than average. Net reduction in stocks was 11,611,000 pounds during February 1940 compared with 14,926,000 pounds a year earlier and an average of 10,833,000 pounds.

Stocks of eggs - both shell and frozen meats - totaled the equivalent of 1,152,000 cases. This quantity compares with a case equivalent of 1,436,000 for March 1, 1939, and 1,611,000 average.

Total frozen poultry stocks were 144,743,000 pounds, which indicates net withdrawals during February of 22,219,000 pounds. The out-of-storage movement was somewhat above average, which was 17,181,000 pounds. The heaviest poultry item was turkeys, with stocks of 63,756,000 on March 1 compared with 26,958,000 pounds a year earlier and 26,271,000 for average.

(See table on page 9 for March 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Mar. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Mar. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1940	Mar. 1, 1940
- Thousands -				
CREAM				
Forty percent.....40-qt.cans	44	84	71	55
Twenty percent....." "	2	1	-	-
BUTTER				
Creamery, total.....pounds....	30,190	92,780	29,189	18,278
DPMA holdings....."		69,538	2,108	669
FSCC & Relief holdings. "		14,404	2,580	1,388
Commercial stocks....."		8,838	24,501	16,221
Packing stock....."	72	56	12	5
CHEESE				
American....."	72,221	77,270	75,181	66,594
Swiss including block....."	4,354	5,444	5,301	4,439
Brick and Munster....."	617	454	821	796
Limburger....."	667	659	1,051	931
All other varieties....."	6,134	7,658	11,941	9,874
TOTAL CHEESE....."	83,993	91,485	94,295	82,684
EGGS				
Shell.....cases.....	163	165	57	81
Frozen.....pounds.....	50,680	44,476	56,249	37,474
Frozen 1/.....equivalent cases.....	1,448	1,271	1,607	1,071
TOTAL EGGS 2/.....cases.....	1,611	1,436	1,664	1,152
FROZEN POULTRY				
Broilers.....pounds....	12,282	9,239	10,195	8,743
Fryers....."	11,588	11,635	8,570	6,694
Roasters....."	25,734	26,718	26,810	21,312
Fowls....."	18,477	18,391	24,532	20,337
Turkeys....."	26,271	26,958	65,467	63,756
Ducks....."	2,166	2,991	4,256	2,675
Miscellaneous poultry....."	16,913	20,247	17,429	14,121
Unclassified frozen poultry "	3/	3/	9,703	7,105
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY.. "	113,431	116,229	166,962	144,743

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 84 percent of total frozen eggs reported as of March 1, 1940, were classified as follows: Whites - 35 percent; Yolks - 21 percent; and Mixed - 44 percent.

3/ Carried under "Miscellaneous poultry" previous to January 1, 1940.

MEATS AND LARD

Total stocks of frozen and cured meats increased during February by 58 million pounds to 833,622,000 pounds, and March 1 holdings were $174\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds in excess of those of a year earlier and $45\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds heavier than the 5-year (1935-39) average. Stocks of frozen and cured beef were 28 million pounds heavier than a year earlier but 19 million below average. Pork holdings were 106 million pounds in excess of those on March 1, 1939, and $44\frac{1}{2}$ million above average.

Stocks of lard showed an all time high, totaling 258 million pounds. This quantity is approximately twice the amount on March 1, 1939, and twice the 5-year average stocks. The increase during February of this year was 56 million pounds compared with a decrease of about 7 million a year earlier. The average for March shows an increase of about 6 million pounds.

(See table on page 9 for March 1, 1940, holdings by geographic divisions)

Commodity	Mar. 1, 5-yr.av. 1935-39	Mar. 1, 1939	Feb. 1, 1940	Mar. 1, 1940
- Thousand pounds -				
BEEF				
Frozen.....	72,919	31,963	64,023	60,394
In process of cure.....	14,858	10,789	10,997	10,320
Cured.....	5,937	3,652	3,553	3,964
TOTAL BEEF.....	93,714	46,404	78,573	74,678
PORK				
Frozen.....	217,121	227,075	258,432	296,415
Dry salt in process of cure.....	42,453	42,905	48,923	48,106
Dry salt cured.....	36,880	27,025	32,024	38,633
Pickled in process of cure.....	176,978	149,378	150,475	155,799
Pickled cured.....	130,268	95,755	98,747	109,272
TOTAL PORK.....	603,700	542,138	588,601	648,225
LAMB AND MUTTON				
Frozen.....	4,434	2,773	4,412	4,465
TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL				
Frozen and cured.....	86,223	67,760	103,682	106,254
TOTAL MEATS.....	788,071	659,075	775,268	833,622
LARD.....	126,732	125,281	202,175	258,029

HOLDINGS OF SPECIFIED COMMODITIES, BY STATES, MARCH 1, 1940

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....		465	1,762		773	10,341
Other States.....		657	250		435	783
NEW ENGLAND.....		1,122	2,012		1,208	11,124
New York.....	42	1,918	7,578		4,634	30,638
New Jersey.....		2,996	3,229		2,272	13,544
Pennsylvania.....		895	890		2,728	4,913
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		5,809	11,697		9,634	49,095
Ohio.....	7	497	416		1,917	1,814
Indiana.....		93	23		307	2,231
Illinois.....	2	6,538	3,215		5,875	30,425
Michigan.....		480	635		748	1,899
Wisconsin.....	2	91	36,266		581	979
EAST N. CENTRAL....		7,699	40,555		9,428	37,348
Minnesota.....		541	557		677	4,945
Iowa.....		11	27		1,531	2,277
Missouri.....		624	1,436		3,915	8,456
Nebraska.....		137	378		1,042	9,556
Kansas.....		23	94		1,267	922
Dakotas.....		39	-		1	13
WEST N. CENTRAL....		1,375	2,492		8,433	26,169
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		688	1,797		1,961	2,213
Kentucky.....		62	143		447	1,892
Tennessee.....		177	224		548	536
Alabama & Mississippi.		25	173		220	87
EAST S. CENTRAL....		264	540		1,215	2,515
Oklahoma.....		2	34		1,072	191
Texas.....		120	1,289		1,112	698
Arkansas & Louisiana..		15	118		222	132
WEST S. CENTRAL....		137	1,441		2,406	1,021
Colorado.....		72	369		154	510
Other States.....		17	1,537		42	571
MOUNTAIN.....		89	1,906		196	1,081
Washington.....		296	364		987	4,554
Oregon.....		-	592		174	1,513
California.....		799	3,198		1,832	8,110
PACIFIC.....		1,095	4,154		2,993	14,177
Other States, combined for cream only.....	2					
UNITED STATES.....	55	18,278	66,594	81	37,474	144,743

APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE, BY STATES

State	March 1, 1940					March 1, 1939
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
- Thousands -						
Vermont.....	-	-	49	-	49	27
Connecticut.....	-	-	111	-	111	120
Massachusetts.....	-	5	334	1	340	192
New York.....	13	8	2,037	746	2,830	2,394
New Jersey.....	1	41	149	236	429	643
Pennsylvania.....	14	13	135	546	786	744
Ohio.....	-	6	106	249	361	192
Indiana.....	-	2	15	65	82	92
Illinois.....	-	16	107	226	349	429
Michigan.....	-	-	123	321	444	552
Wisconsin.....	-	10	8	28	46	46
Minnesota.....	-	20	-	4	24	60
Missouri.....	-	17	-	201	218	212
Virginia.....	96	36	358	1,016	1,698	1,569
West Virginia.....	3	2	14	112	137	133
Texas.....	-	40	-	-	40	62
Washington.....	-	5,081	-	-	5,081	5,948
Oregon.....	-	303	-	-	303	421
California.....	-	640	-	-	640	1,114
Other States.....	1	38	130	258	429	452
UNITED STATES...	128	6,278	3,726	4,009	14,397	15,402

FROZEN FRUITS: HOLDINGS IN SMALL AND LARGE CONTAINERS

FEBRUARY 1 and MARCH 1, 1940

Commodity	In small containers (Less than 30 lb. capacity)		In bulk or large containers (30 lb. or greater capacity)	
	February 1	March 1	February 1	March 1
	- Thousand pounds -			
Blackberries.....	349	440	4,558	3,420
Blueberries.....	1,344	1,292	3,198	3,134
Cherries.....	960	973	20,044	17,114
Logan and similar berries..	538	535	1,394	1,245
Raspberries.....	1,373	1,532	6,091	5,108
Strawberries.....	12,696	11,381	21,522	18,664
Other fruits.....	4,115	3,898	14,202	12,869
Classification not reported	726	508	24,180	21,362
TOTAL.....	22,151	21,059	95,189	82,916

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

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Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
FRUITS, FRESH										
Apples.....barrels.....	-	27	-	1	100	-	-	-	-	128
Apples.....Western boxes.....	5	63	34	39	50	2	44	16	6,025	6,278
Apples.....Eastern boxes.....	597	2,371	358	1	399	-	-	-	-	3,726
Apples.....bushel baskets.....	5	1,528	889	270	1,243	27	3	44	-	4,009
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes.....	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16	17
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pears, all other varieties.....boxes.....	-	34	5	1	9	1	1	-	361	412
Pears.....bushel baskets.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
FRUITS, FROZEN										
In small containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	5	90	79	8	203	-	4	-	51	440
Blueberries.....".....	110	800	262	15	100	3	1	-	1	1,292
Cherries.....".....	96	477	145	80	141	1	4	1	28	1,973
Logan and similar berries.....".....	2	29	151	10	44	-	-	-	299	535
Raspberries.....".....	144	539	319	130	83	10	17	-	290	1,532
Strawberries.....".....	696	1,475	1,213	322	1,449	66	567	30	6,063	11,881
Other fruits.....".....	64	1,433	1,165	102	309	178	35	-	1,115	4,406
In bulk or large containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	51	1,294	384	296	42	87	11	20	1,235	3,420
Blueberries.....".....	285	1,687	680	408	36	35	-	-	3	3,134
Cherries.....".....	149	11,181	4,196	604	218	67	49	97	553	17,114
Logan and similar berries.....".....	49	120	198	105	-	1	1	1	770	1,245
Raspberries.....".....	1,331	1,102	1,154	1,098	62	78	18	-	265	5,108
Strawberries.....".....	1,063	5,093	3,833	3,060	857	237	1,038	162	3,321	18,664
Other fruits.....".....	372	19,461	6,910	591	1,192	373	350	103	4,879	34,231
Total, all containers										
Blackberries.....pounds.....	56	1,384	463	304	245	87	15	20	1,286	3,860
Blueberries.....".....	395	2,487	942	423	136	38	1	-	4	4,426
Cherries.....".....	245	11,658	4,341	684	359	68	53	98	581	18,087
Logan and similar berries.....".....	51	149	349	115	44	1	1	1	1,069	1,780
Raspberries.....".....	1,475	1,641	1,473	1,228	145	88	35	-	555	6,640
Strawberries.....".....	1,759	6,568	5,046	3,382	2,306	303	1,605	192	9,384	30,545
Other fruits.....".....	436	20,899	8,075	693	1,501	551	385	103	5,994	38,637
VEGETABLES, FROZEN										
Asparagus.....pounds.....	117	5,548	535	289	73	25	85	4	456	7,132
Beans, lima.....".....	214	9,516	1,363	438	367	63	80	10	445	12,496
Beans, snap.....".....	56	4,082	395	69	305	2	38	4	275	5,226
Broccoli, green.....".....	29	1,091	131	26	127	14	16	1	243	1,678
Corn, sweet.....".....	324	2,843	1,045	589	242	35	48	3	1,020	6,149
Peas, green.....".....	871	9,346	2,544	1,010	428	85	147	19	3,266	17,716
Spinach.....".....	53	3,324	762	96	86	24	41	4	319	4,709
Other vegetables.....".....	80	2,485	640	690	394	11	203	531	1,198	6,232

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1940, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS (CONT'D.)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	Total
- Thousands -										
DAIRY PRODUCTS										
Cream, Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	1	43	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	55
Cream, Twenty percent....."	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Butter, creamery 1/.....pounds.....	1,122	5,809	7,699	1,375	688	264	137	89	1,095	18,278
Butter, packing stock....."	-	-	-	2	-	-	3	-	-	5
Cheese, American....."	2,012	11,697	40,555	2,492	1,797	540	1,441	1,906	4,154	66,594
Cheese, Swiss including block....."	-	811	3,058	29	17	28	58	306	182	4,489
Cheese, Brick and Munster....."	-	45	574	50	39	3	23	57	5	796
Cheese, Limburger....."	-	121	750	21	1	1	3	-	24	931
Cheese, all other varieties....."	193	6,553	979	418	83	335	134	186	993	9,874
Eggs, shell.....cases.....	-	27	10	1	2	1	4	5	31	81
Eggs, frozen.....pounds.....	1,208	9,634	9,428	8,433	1,961	1,215	2,406	196	2,993	37,474
FROZEN POULTRY										
Broilers.....pounds.....	230	1,203	2,136	3,678	50	169	21	45	1,211	8,743
Fryers....."	213	1,326	2,786	2,011	87	111	4	52	104	6,694
Roasters....."	2,537	8,099	6,212	3,404	381	207	17	15	440	21,312
Fowls....."	575	7,080	6,983	3,334	258	367	539	236	905	20,337
Turkeys....."	6,928	25,051	10,986	7,955	961	205	253	576	10,841	63,756
Ducks....."	208	1,249	928	77	102	9	2	2	98	2,675
Miscellaneous poultry....."	428	4,404	4,860	1,821	357	1,413	125	137	576	14,121
Unclassified frozen poultry....."	5	683	2,457	3,889	17	34	-	18	2	7,105
MEATS and LARD										
Beef, frozen.....pounds.....	1,829	9,334	26,097	10,849	2,523	742	5,559	328	3,133	60,394
Beef, in process of cure....."	13	1,266	6,366	1,924	159	43	320	65	164	10,320
Beef, cured....."	11	899	1,887	875	152	-	6	44	90	3,964
Pork, frozen....."	6,219	13,842	94,867	151,958	10,911	3,522	4,781	2,473	7,842	296,415
Pork, dry salt in process of cure....."	379	1,360	17,807	21,024	4,037	1,352	1,226	251	670	48,106
Pork, dry salt cured....."	252	544	14,319	18,897	2,645	413	1,020	253	290	38,633
Pork, pickled in process of cure....."	8,765	10,881	55,428	64,211	3,833	2,240	3,374	2,028	5,039	155,799
Pork, pickled cured....."	2,597	3,642	45,980	48,453	2,422	361	970	1,777	3,070	109,272
Lamb and mutton, frozen....."	216	1,677	1,024	999	89	1	159	48	252	4,465
Frozen and cured trimmings and edible cffal....."	2,019	10,140	33,400	46,150	5,714	1,505	2,524	1,972	2,830	106,254
Lard....."	1,153	4,754	189,139	52,309	2,900	742	2,003	1,891	3,138	258,029

1/ Includes DEWA, FSCC, and relief holdings, as well as commercial stocks.

OCCUPANCY OF AVAILABLE COLD STORAGE SPACE IN PUBLIC WAREHOUSES

JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, and MARCH 1, 1940

UNITED STATES

Date	Number concerns reporting	Available Space			Space Occupied		
		Coolers	Freezers	Combined	Coolers	Freezers	Combined
- <u>Thousand cubic feet</u> -							
Jan.1....	251	100,770	50,119	150,889	44,899	33,185	78,084
Feb.1....	260	104,785	52,229	157,014	40,424	34,726	75,150
Mar.1....	209	94,382	44,235	138,617	32,970	27,929	60,899

PERCENTAGE OF SPACE OCCUPIED BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

Geo- graphic division	January 1, 1940				February 1, 1940				March 1, 1940			
	Number con- cerns	Cool- ers	Freez- ers	Com- bined	Number con- cerns	Cool- ers	Freez- ers	Com- bined	Number con- cerns	Cool- ers	Freez- ers	Com- bined
		Percent				Percent				Percent		
NE.....	11	48	59	54	11	41	58	50	7	30	54	42
MA.....	53	49	76	57	53	40	73	51	53	36	64	45
ENC.....	45	48	62	53	45	42	63	49	39	38	62	46
WNC.....	30	39	69	52	31	37	76	53	24	32	72	49
SA.....	30	54	62	56	34	48	64	52	18	46	72	52
ESC.....	6	23	79	38	6	22	78	36	2	15	64	20
WSC.....	19	40	62	45	17	37	64	45	18	34	54	38
Mtn.....	10	37	51	42	12	32	63	41	11	26	66	39
Pac.....	47	35	63	41	51	29	56	35	37	28	55	34
U.S.*	251	45	67	52	260	39	66	48	209	35	62	43

* Result of weighting geographic division percentage figures by respective proportion of total U.S. available space in public cold storage warehouses.